*Where the Red Fern Grows* Test

**Part I: Vocabulary – Write the letter in the blank (20 points)**

Match the following words with their definitions.

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| \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Relating to an animal or animals who prey naturally on others. | a. wily |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Smile in an irritatingly smug or conceited manner. | b. begrudgingly |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Walk in a stealthy or secretive manner. | c. flashback |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In a manner that is envious or reluctant. | d. sidle |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Give to or share something with someone. | e. smirk |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A whip used as an instrument of punishment. | f. nonchalantly |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Crafty, sly, tricky | g. haggard |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Looking exhausted and unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering. | h. predatory |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Coolly: in a composted or unconcerned manner | i. scourge |
| \_\_\_\_\_ 10. A technique authors use to tell about something that happened in the past. | j. allotted |

**Part II: Short Answer (20 points)**

Write a 1-2 sentence answer for each question in the space provided. Use complete sentences!

1. In the first chapter, what causes the narrator of the story to remember his childhood?
2. Why won’t Billy’s parents buy him the dogs he wants?
3. What is one of the tricks a raccoon uses to throw a dog off its scent?
4. How do Old Dan and Little Ann keep from freezing?
5. Give one example of how the weather acts like a character in this book.

**Part III: Match the Quote – Write the name in the blank (10 points)**

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| Mama | Grandpa | Billy | Rainie | Papa |

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “I’ve seen them do things that I couldn’t understand. I’d never heard of hounds that ever had any affection for anyone, but these dogs are different. Did you know they won’t hunt with anyone but him, not even me?”
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “It’s all over. There’ll be no more lessons. I’ve worked hard and I’ve done my best. From now on it’s all up to you.”
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “I don’t want you children to grow up without an education, not even knowing what a bottle of soda pop is, or ever seeing the inside of a schoolhouse.”
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “… it’s your money. You worked for it, and you worked hard. You got it honestly, and you want some dogs. We’re going to get those dogs.”
5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “You ready to pay off?” he asked. “I told you them hounds couldn’t tree the ghost coon.”

**Part IV: Multiple Choice – Circle the best answer (30 points)**

1. In which State does this book take place?
   1. Texas
   2. Oklahoma
   3. Iowa
   4. Arkansas
2. Who is narrating the story?
   1. Grandpa
   2. Adult Billy
   3. Rainie
   4. Rubin
3. What are Little Ann’s strengths?
   1. Smart, patient, intelligent
   2. Loud, deep howl
   3. Sharp, knife-like teeth
   4. Extra thick fur
4. Billy’s Papa “poured cold water” on his idea. This is an example of a(n) \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   1. Personification
   2. Simile
   3. Mean trick
   4. Idiom
5. How long did it take Billy to save for his dogs?
   1. Three weeks
   2. Six months
   3. Two years
   4. Five years
6. Which of the words below are active, descriptive *verbs*?
   1. Zoomed, scooted, chased
   2. Gray, dreary, cold
   3. Shiny, bright, silver
   4. Slowly, carefully, quietly
7. Which character dies as a result of an accident?
   1. Billy
   2. Rubin
   3. Raymond
   4. Mr. Benson
8. How did Billy choose his dogs’ names?
   1. From a magazine
   2. Grandpa helped him
   3. Names from his family
   4. Saw them carved in a tree
9. Which of the following illustrates Billy’s maturity?
   1. Chasing his sisters and throwing sticks at them
   2. Running away from home
   3. Chopping down the tree by himself because he promised his dogs
   4. Refusing to go downstairs for breakfast
10. What are Old Dan’s strengths?
    1. Loud, deep howl
    2. Fast runner
    3. Determined
    4. All of the above
11. In chapter 17, Billy says “The North Wind seemed to be laughing at us.” This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Personification
    2. Foreshadowing
    3. Flashback
    4. Irony
12. In chapter one, we learn Billy has a gold cup. Near the end of the book, Billy actually wins a gold cup. This is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
    1. Personification
    2. Simile
    3. Figurative language
    4. Foreshadowing
13. Who teaches Billy how to trap raccoons and make a scarecrow?
    1. Pa
    2. Grandpa
    3. Mr. Benson
    4. Mr. Pritchard
14. What will the jackpot money be used for?
    1. New mules
    2. To buy a home in Tahlequah
    3. More hounds
    4. To save Grandfather’s store
15. How does Old Dan die?
    1. He grows old
    2. He eats the poisonous red fern
    3. He is mortally wounded in a fight with a mountain lion
    4. He runs headlong into a thorn bush